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DURING CONVERSATION APRIL 3 ON ANOTHER MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT, SOVIET PERMREP MALIK BROUGHT UP SPECIAL GA AND ASKED HOW WE SAW IT DEVELOPING. BENNETT SPOKE OF THE US DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND WORK FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SESSION AND TALKED ALONG LINES REFTEL WITHOUT GETTING INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL. MALIK EVIDENCED SOME CONCERN OVER WHETHER DEBATE WOULD BE KEPT WITHIN REASONABLE FRAMEWORK AND AT ONE POINT ASKED IN JOKING MANNER WHETHER US WAS PREPARED TO MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO FUND IN AID OF LDC'S. HE THEN GOT ON TO WELL WORN TRACK OF SOVIET RHETORIC INVOLVING DISARMAMENT AND REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDETS. IMPLICIT THROUGHOUT HIS RATHER MEANDERING DISCUSSION WAS UNCERTAINTY AND CONCERN OVER RANGE AND EXTENT OF SUBJECTS LIKELY TO BE BROUGHT UP BY ALGERIANS AND OTHERS IN FOREFRONT OF THOSE PROMOTING SPECIAL GA. AT ONE POINT HE MADE A BIBLICAL REFERENCE AND THEN AGREED WHEN BENNETT TOOK HIM UP WITH OBSERVATION THAT IT TOOK THE LORD SIX DAYS TO CREATE THE WORLD AND IT SEEMED UNLIKELY WE WOULD BE ABLE TO REMAKE IT IN TWO-WEEK SESSION OF SPECIAL GA.
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